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## Bayes Decision Rule

 $\xi(1)\alpha_1(\delta) + \xi(2)\alpha_2(\delta) \rightarrow \text{minimize}.$ 

$$\delta = \{H_1: \frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} > \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)}; H_2: \text{ if } <; H_1 \text{ or } H_2: \text{ if } = \}$$

Example: see pg. 469, Problem 3

 $H_0: f_1(x) = 1 \text{ for } 0 \le x \le 1$ 

 $H_1: f_2(x) = 2x \text{ for } 0 \le x \le 1$ 

Sample 1 point  $x_1$ 

Minimize  $3\alpha_0(\delta) + 1\alpha_1(\delta)$ 

$$\delta = \{H_0: \frac{1}{2x_1} > \frac{1}{3}; H_1: \frac{1}{2x_1} < \frac{1}{3}; \text{ either if equal}\}$$

Simplify the expression:

$$\delta = \{H_0 : x_1 \le \frac{3}{2}; H_1 : x_1 > \frac{3}{2}\}$$

Since  $x_1$  is always between 0 and 1,  $H_0$  is always chosen.  $\delta = H_0$  always.

Errors:

 $\alpha_0(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_0(\delta \neq H_0) = 0$ 

 $\alpha_1(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_1(\delta \neq H_1) = 1$ 

We made the  $\alpha_0$  very important in the weighting, so it ended up being 0.

## Most powerful test for two simple hypotheses.

Consider a class  $K_{\alpha} = \{\delta \text{ such that } \alpha_1(\delta) \leq \alpha \in [0,1]\}$ 

Take the following decision rule:

$$\delta = \{ H_1 : \frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} \ge c; H_2 : \frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} < c \}$$

Calculate the constant from the confidence level  $\alpha$ :

$$\alpha_1(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_1(\delta \neq H_1) = \mathbb{P}_1(\frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} < c) = \alpha$$

Sometimes it is difficult to find c, if discrete, but consider the simplest continuous case first:

Find  $\xi(1), \xi(2)$  such that  $\xi(1) + \xi(2) = 1, \frac{\xi(2)}{\xi(1)} = c$ 

Then,  $\delta$  is a Bayes decision rule.

 $\xi(1)\alpha_1(\delta) + \xi(2)\alpha_2(\delta) \le \xi(1)\alpha_1(\delta') + \xi(2)\alpha_2(\delta')$ 

for any decision rule  $\delta'$ 

If  $\delta' \in K_{\alpha}$  then  $\alpha_1(\delta') \leq \alpha$ .

Note:  $\alpha_1(\delta) = \alpha$ , so:  $\xi(1)\alpha + \xi(2)\alpha_2(\delta) \le \xi(1)\alpha + \xi(2)\alpha_2(\delta')$ 

Therefore:  $\alpha_2(\delta) \leq \alpha_2(\delta'), \delta$  is the best (mosst powerful) decision rule in  $K_{\alpha}$ 

Example:

 $H_1: N(0,1), H_2: N(1,1), \alpha_1(\delta) = 0.05$ 

$$\frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum x_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sum (x_i - 1)^2} = e^{\frac{n}{2} - \sum x_i} \ge c$$

Always simplify first:

$$\frac{n}{2} - \sum x_i \ge \log(c), \sum x_i \le \frac{n}{2} + \log(c), \sum x_i \le c'$$

The decision rule becomes:

$$\delta = \{ H_1 : \sum x_i \le c'; H_2 : \sum x_i > c' \}$$

Now, find c'

$$\alpha_1(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_1(\sum x_i > c')$$

recall, subscript on  $\mathbb{P}$  indicates that  $x_1, ..., x_n \sim N(0, 1)$ 

Make into standard normal:

$$\mathbb{P}_1(\frac{\sum x_i}{\sqrt{n}} > \frac{c'}{\sqrt{n}}) = 0.05$$

Check the table for  $\mathbb{P}(z>c'')=0.05, c''=1.64, c'=\sqrt{n}(1.64)$ 

Note: a very common error with the central limit theorem:

$$\sum x_i \to \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \to \frac{\sum x_i - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$$

These two conversions are the same! Don't combine techniques from both.

The Bayes decision rule now becomes:

$$\delta = \{H_1 : \sum x_i \le 1.64\sqrt{n}; H_2 : \sum x_i > 1.64\sqrt{n}\}$$

Error of Type 2:

$$\alpha_2(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_2(\sum x_i \le c = 1.64\sqrt{n})$$

Note: subscript indicates that  $X_1, ..., X_n \sim N(1,1)$ 

$$= \mathbb{P}_2(\frac{\sum x_i - n(1)}{\sqrt{n}} \le \frac{1.64\sqrt{n} - n}{\sqrt{n}}) = \mathbb{P}_2(z \le 1.64 - \sqrt{n})$$

Use tables for standard normal to get the probability.

If 
$$n = 9 \to \mathbb{P}_2(z \le 1.64 - \sqrt{9}) = \mathbb{P}_2(z \le -1.355) = 0.0877$$

Example:

$$H_1: N(0,2), H_2: N(0,3), \alpha_1(\delta) = 0.05$$

$$\frac{f_1(\mathbf{x})}{f_2(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\sum \frac{1}{2(2)}x_i^2}}{\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\sum \frac{1}{2(3)}x_i^2}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{12}\sum x_i^2} \ge c$$

$$\delta = \{H_1: \sum x_i^2 \le c'; H_2: \sum x_i^2 > c'\}$$

This is intuitive, as the sum of squares  $\sim$  sample variance.

If small  $\rightarrow \sigma = 2$ 

If large  $\rightarrow \sigma = 3$ 

$$\alpha_1(\delta) = \mathbb{P}_1(\sum x_i^2 > c') = \mathbb{P}_1(\sum \frac{x_i^2}{2} > \frac{c'}{2}) = \mathbb{P}_1(\chi_n^2 > c'') = 0.05$$
 If n = 10,  $\mathbb{P}_1(\chi_{10}^2 > c'') = 0.05; c'' = 18.31, c' = 36.62$ 

Can find error of type 2 in the same way as earlier:  $\mathbb{P}(\chi_n^2 > \frac{c'}{3}) \to \mathbb{P}(\chi_{10}^2 > 12.1) \approx 0.7$ A difference of 1 in variance is a huge deal! Large type 2 error results, small n.

<sup>\*\*</sup> End of Lecture 30